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Subject: SD ACP MEETING MINUTES 15MAR00

1. The Area Committee meeting commenced on 15 March 2000 at 1015 in the Coast Guard Activities Training Room.
2. The San Diego Area Committee Coordinator, LTJG Christopher Lee, began the meeting with welcome and introductions.

3. SPILL STATISTICS CY 1999

CDR Mike Farley opened with a review of the San Diego area Oil Spill Response Statistics for 1999. The review was the brief that he presented to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). CDR Farley emphasized a commitment to keep the gallons spilled at a downward trend and consistent with the programs in place to reduce oil spills in San Diego. Future plans are to continue our focus on unknown spill sources at Marinas and to continue our efforts with the U.S. Navy. Future efforts with the U.S. Navy are continuing via the Regional Oil Spill Working Group (ROSWG). The ROSWG has produced results such as reducing barge transfers, building a single point transfer Bilge Oily Waste Transfer System (BOWTS) at Naval Station 32nd Street and changing regulations regarding topping off. Other discussions included the continuing efforts of the Reserve Marina Program, which is utilized as a mechanism to reduce unknown source spill reporting. The reduction of marine casualties with the development of the Web based San Diego Marine Information System (SDMIS) which, is scheduled to be available in the coming year.

Question - *What is being done on non-point source pollution and how does the USCG determine gallons spilled?*

CDR Farley responded that a Watershed Task Force led by the Port Of San Diego has been established to address the pollution from storm run-off. LTJG Lee & QM2 Bergeson responded that determining gallons spilled is accomplished by many methods combined to come up with a best estimate. At the scene of an oil spill State and Federal authorities work with clean up contractors to come up with a best estimate based on years of experience in oil spill response. Additionally the CG uses the Gallons per football field method in estimating gallons spilled for a given sheen and area covered. When a responsible party has been identified further investigation of the spill can lead to more exact estimates of gallons spilled. Other estimates are done by decanting recovered product although this is not an extremely reliable method.

4. U.S. Navy Initiatives

John Owens, Navy On Scene Coordinator (NOSC) Program Manager, discussed the initiatives that the USN developed to reduce preventable (transfer related) oil spills throughout the USN Southwest Region. Topics presented were the ROSWG, the development of the Risk Management Plan, reduction of transfers from barges at NAVSTA, continuing strong emphasis on training due to an approx. 30% turnover of

personnel every year, hiring a full-time support staff for the Environmental Safety Committee, the development of a 5 year Spill Initiative Plan for both the Pacific & Atlantic fleets and by reducing the amount of waste oil produced.

Current projects are the BOWTS at NAVSTA, Point Loma & Coronado, permanent boom installation at piers 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, Juliet Pier @ the Carrier Basin & at Point Loma. In order for the Navy to complete permanent boom installation at all Navy piers in SD they need to find another 1.2 million dollars. The USN has also established the Storm Water Group on storm drain run-off at the Naval Facilities.

5. ACP Revision

LTJG Lee discussed the current revised edition of the ACP and that it has been converted from a MAC format to Microsoft Word format. The revised hard copies should arrive any day and will be distributed to contributing agencies and organizations on a one hard copy per org/agency. CD-ROM version is available in both Word or PDF formats and can also be accessed on the web at <http://www.uscg.mil/pacarea/pm/graphic/sdacr.htm>. LTJG Lee also discussed a “mini” revision scheduled for June 2000 and the newly released “Template” from HQ. The San Diego ACP will remain in the current format until instructed to convert it to the template version.

6. Trajectory Analysis Planning (TAP)

Heather Parker-Hall, NOAA SSC, and associates presented a power point presentation on the new program. The current version is called TAP II. The program is a statistic based planning tool based on information on historical conditions of winds, tides, currents, and river flow over the last ten year at a certain area. TAP helps answer the WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHO & HOW on spill trajectory. The program is capable of computing info from 3 hours to 5 days. Current statuses of areas that can use TAPII are San Francisco, San Diego and Hawaii. NOAA and the USN are developing a project to extend TAPII to assess response effectiveness and should be completed in 2 years. The program is available to other agencies.

7. New Business

Sub-Committees have been re-established:

a. Site Strategy sub committee (BOA's, OSRO's, OSPR, USCG)

LTJG Lee Committee Chair

Members: Cliff Graham -ACTI

Robin Kanzius - FOSS

Lilli Ferguson - California Coastal Commission

Dave Redmond - CCW

Jeff Jappe - MSRC

Heather Parker Hall - NOAA SSC

Carl Honecker - Federal Fire Dept.

John Owens - CNRSW- NOSC

Robin Lewis - OSPR

Hathor Woods - OSPR

Vern Josey - OSPR

b. Revision Review Committee

Section 1000 - OSPR, Robin Lewis, Vern Josey

Section 2000 - John Owens, NOSC

Section 3000 - Paul Hamilton, QM2 Bergeson

Section 4000 - Heather Parker Hall, NOAA SSC

Section 5000 - Hathor Woods, OSPR

Section 6000 - LTJG Lee

Section 7000- Bill Wyatt, Cliff Graham

Section 9000-9930 - Lilli Ferguson, CCC

Section 9930-End - Robin Lewis, OSPR

The Review shall be done with recommendations on corrections to LTJG Lee or QM2 Bergeson NLT 01Jun00.

The Area Committee may be tasked to review the procedures on the use of dispersants. District will be setting a meeting date with the RRT. The MEXUS Plan will be revised and may need assistance of some members.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for 13 September 2000 @ 1000 at the USCG Activities Training Room.

LTJG Lee adjourned the meeting at 1130.

Since the meeting we have received the hard copies and are currently working on local distribution.

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